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Home and Community-based Services

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Home and Community-based Services (HCS)

An Overview

What is the HCS Waiver?

- Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver is a 1915(c) waiver
- All waivers must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- States can apply for waivers to provide long-term care services in home and community settings rather than institutional settings
- HCS became an approved waiver on Sept. 1, 1985
- HCS program providers contract with the state
- HCS program providers must maintain a certification with the state



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HCS Waiver's Purpose

The HCS Program is designed to:

- Provide services and supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities or a related condition
- Be an alternative to residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition (ICF/IID)
- Allow independence to individuals to live in their own or family home, a host home/companion care setting, or in a residence with no more than four individuals who receive similar services
- Provide services and supports intended to enhance quality of life, functional independence, and health and well-being in community-based living



HCS Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the HCS Program an individual may be of any age, and must:

- Not be enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program
- Have had a determination of intellectual disability (DID) made in accordance with state law or have been diagnosed by a physician as having a related condition
- Meet specific requirements for intelligence quotient (IQ)
- Have chosen the HCS Program over the ICF/IID
- Have active Medicaid



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Enrollment in HCS

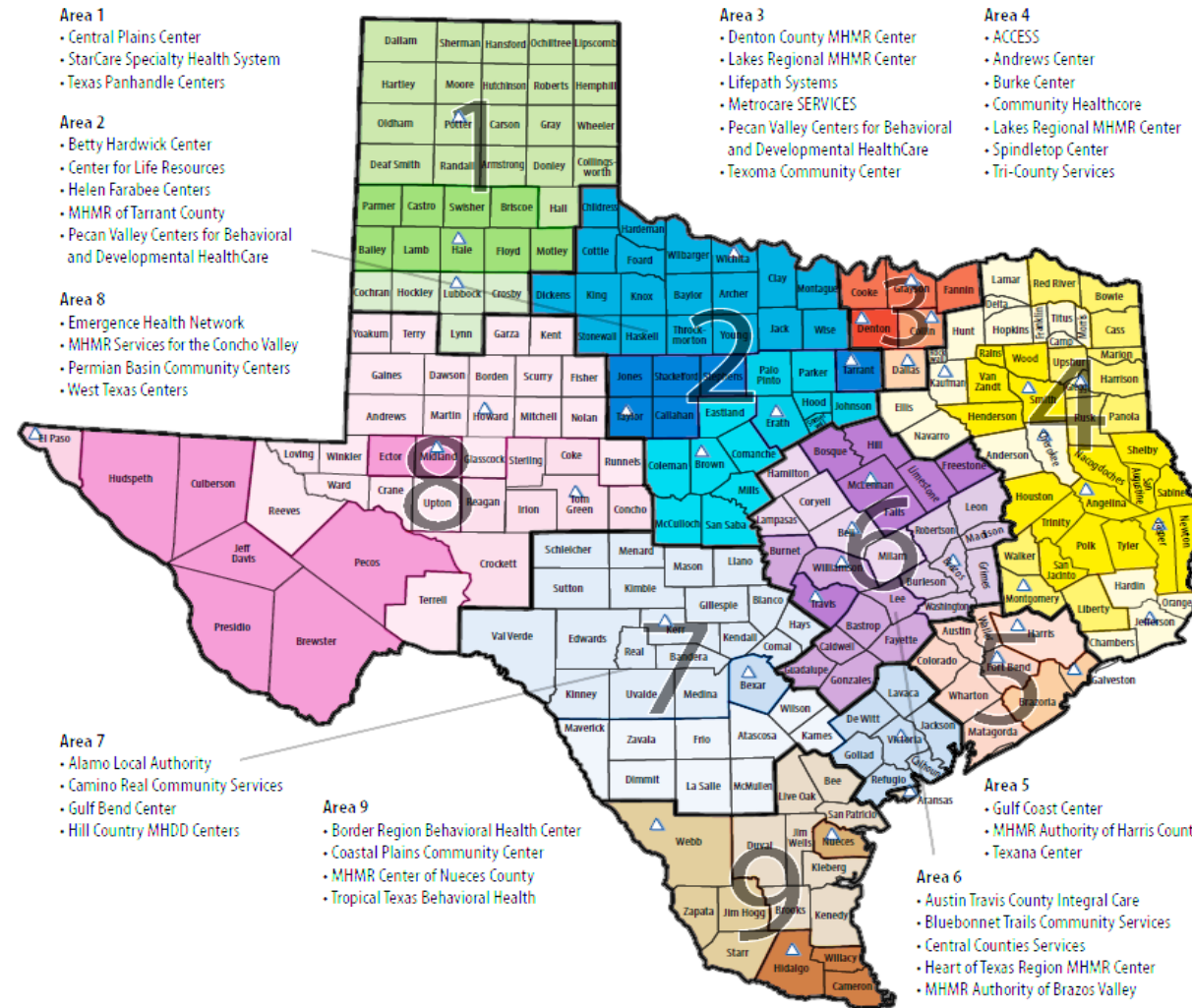
- HCS interest list
- Individuals are enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis unless they meet reserved capacity requirements and are allowed to bypass the interest list
- More information on the HCS enrollment process can be found at the following link: [LIDDA Enrollment Process](#)



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LIDDA Regional Map

<https://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/cds/waiver-map.pdf>



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Level of Need (LON)

Level of Need

- 1- Intermittent
- 5- Limited
- 8- Extensive
- 6- Pervasive
- 9- Pervasive plus



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HCS Service Array

Adaptive Aids	Physical Therapy
Audiology	Residential Services**:
Behavior Support	Host Home/ Companion Care
Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy*	Residential Support Services
Day Habilitation	Supervised Living
Dental Services	Respite Services*
Dietary Services	Social Work
Employment Assistance*	Speech/Language Pathology
Minor Home Modifications	Supported Employment*
Nursing Services*	Supported Home Living- Transportation**
Occupational Therapy	Transition Assistance Services

*These services are available through the CDS Option

** These services are unique to the HCS waiver



Service Responsibilities

At enrollment:

- The LIDDA:
 - Develops the initial Intellectual Disability/ Related Condition (ID/RC) assessment
 - Develops the initial Individual Plan of Care (IPC) and Person Directed Plan (PDP)
- The program provider:
 - Develops the Implementation Plan (IP) from the PDP



Service Responsibilities (cont.)

After enrollment:

- If any services on the IPC are delivered by the provider option, the program provider:
 - Develops the ID/RC
 - Develops the IPC
 - Develops the IP based on the updated PDP
- The LIDDA develops the PDP



Service Responsibilities (cont.)

After enrollment:

- If all of the services on the IPC are delivered through the CDS option:
 - The LIDDA develops the ID/RC as needed
 - The LIDDA develops the IPC



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Consumer-Directed Services Option

All of the Medicaid 1915(c) waiver programs offer the consumer-directed services (CDS) option for certain services

- The individual or the individual's legally authorized representative (LAR) assumes responsibility for recruiting, hiring, training, supervising, and dismissing, if necessary, services providers
- The individual is required to select a Financial Management Services Agency (FMSA) of his or her choice



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Consumer-Directed Services Option (cont.)

All of the Medicaid 1915(c) waiver programs offer the consumer-directed services (CDS) option for certain services (continued)

- The FMSA handles all payroll and employer tax responsibilities on behalf of the individual or LAR, provides an initial and on-going training about employer responsibilities
- Support Consultation, support above and beyond that provided by the FMSA or through CFC, is also available to those who use the CDS option



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Expansion of CDS

Expansion of CDS?

External Stakeholder Request

Expand CDS Option in the HCS waiver



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Helpful Resources

- [HCS Provider Handbook](#)
- [HCS Billing Guidelines](#)
- [CARE User Guide](#)
- [HCS Texas Administrative Code](#)



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Thank You!
